(d) if so, the reasons therefor and its impact on the turnover and profitability capacity utilization of Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is classified and will not be in National interest to divulge the same.

Funding of high technology projects of DRDO by defence services

901. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has agreed in principle that Research and Development (R and D) of high technology military projects by DRDO will be funded partly by the Defence services;

(b) if so, the details of the funding pattern and quantum; and

(c) the total amount spent on importing arms and equipments by the defence services during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has agreed 'in-principle' to sharing of development cost in 'Make by DRDO' cases amongst DRDO, Industry and Service in the ratio of 70:20:10, as part of DRDO procedure.

The details of Free Foreign Exchange (FFE) cash outgo that include amount spent on import of revenue and capital procurement, is as under:—

2005-06	:	Rs. 12101.49 crores
2006-07	:	Rs. 10022.00 crores
2007-08	:	Rs. 15026.68 crores

Bullet proof jackets made by DRDO

902. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bullet proof jackets made by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have miserably failed in the tests conducted to prove their worthiness, at Meerut and Azamgarh recently;

(b) whether these jackets are also heavy in weight and affect the operational efficiency of the officers; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) In the knowledge of the Government, no Bullet Proof Jacket (Body Armour Jackets) designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been subjected to a test at Meerut and Azamgarh.

(b) and (c) The Bullet Proof Jackets developed by DRDO met the Qualitative Requirements (QRs) given by the Users. These are available in different configurations and provide different levels of protection. These have been designed to ensure proper fitting to enable the wearer to perform his operational tasks without any hindrance as per QRs given.

Recruitment of women officers in IAF

903. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to recruit more women officers and pilots; and

(b) the allocation made to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Concerted efforts have been undertaken by the Indian Air Force to carry out a proactive publicity campaign in order to reach the target group across the country, which includes potential women candidates and pilots. Apart from the Short Service Commission Scheme, the Government has also recently decided to offer Permanent Commission to eligible and suitable women officers in Judge Advocate General (JAG) and Army Education Corps (AEC) in the Army and their corresponding Branch/Cadre in Navy and Air Force, Accounts branch of the IAF and Naval Constructor of the Navy.

As per the Government sanction for induction of women officers under the Short Service Commission Scheme, there is a ceiling of 10% on intake in technical branch and 15% in non-technical branch. In the flying branch there is a combined ceiling of 20% for both Men and Women officers.

Indigenous production in defence sector

904. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the indigenous production during the last four years; and

(b) the amount spent on such production and contracts given to foreign companies and domestic companies during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Generating electricity from sea-water

†905. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Ocean Technology is working in the direction of generating electricity from sea water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.